



# PROVIDENCE

## CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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GROUNDED  
*in biblical truth*

EDUCATED  
*in the classical liberal arts*

PREPARED  
*to be virtuous citizens*

P R E S I D E N T I A L  
S E A R C H P R O S P E C T U S



# PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROSPECTUS

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Trustees of Providence Christian College is pleased to announce the search for Providence's next president. Established in 2005 as a Reformed college on the West Coast, Providence is entering an exciting stage of development for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.



## DISTINCTIVES

Providence Christian College seeks a visionary leader who embraces the mission and distinctives of the college. The successful candidate will be able to...

- Passionately promote the college and her mission; inspire students, staff, faculty, and donors to invest their intellectual and financial resources to support that mission;
- Rigorously encourage a Reformed academic and student life culture that prepares students to embrace their life callings as thoughtful Christians;
- Humbly lead the college faculty and staff, modeling Christian scholarship and effective leadership principles in grace and truth.



## OUR MISSION

*The mission of Providence Christian College as a Reformed Christian institution is to equip students to be firmly grounded in biblical truth, thoroughly educated in the liberal arts, and fully engaged in their church, their community, and the world for the glory of God and for service to humanity.*

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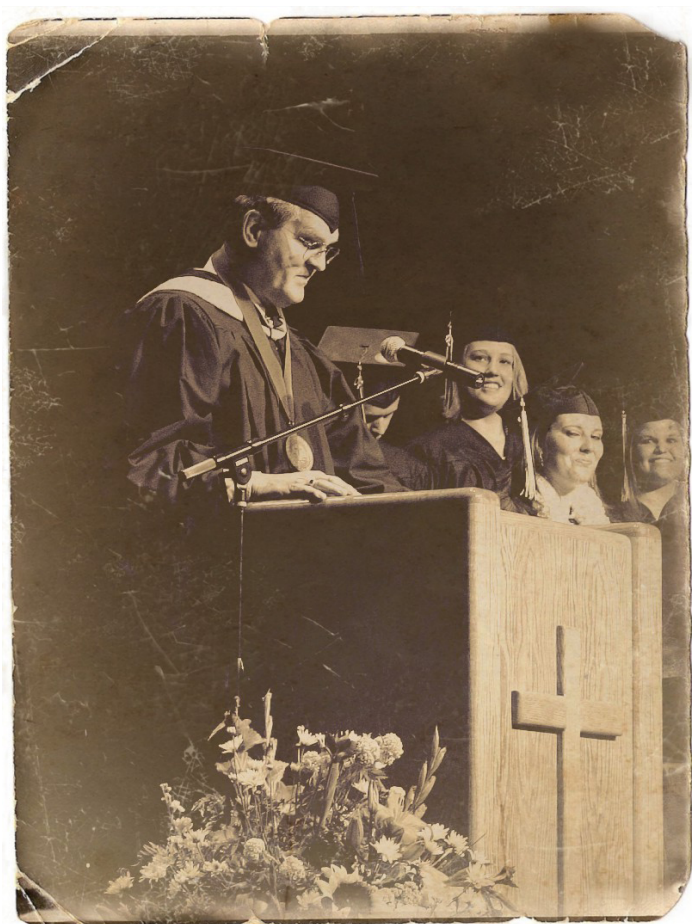
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# THE HISTORY OF PROVIDENCE

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Providence Christian College was born from the deep desire of prayerful believers from various Reformed traditions who championed the importance of establishing a Reformed, Christian liberal arts college on the West Coast. In the early 2000's, a group of dedicated and visionary proponents, representing ecumenical cooperation from various Reformed denominations, began meeting in earnest to establish this vision. After an extensive feasibility study, prayer and deliberation, sacrificial labors and financial donations, the founders, and those like-minded Christians who partnered with them, incorporated Providence Christian College on November 12, 2002.



In January 2003, the first board meeting of Providence Christian College was held and the search for staff and a campus was underway. In January 2004, a campus was secured in Ontario, California and the college's first president, N. James Den Ouden, was inaugurated in June of 2004. With an initial staff, President Den Ouden laid the foundation for the college in alignment with the founders' vision, and the first class of students was welcomed in the fall of 2005. President Den Ouden ably and faithfully served the college for five years, leading the college towards full accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Before President Den Ouden's retirement he presided over the college's first commencement ceremony in May 2009.

The second president of Providence Christian College, Dr. J. Derek Halvorson, was inaugurated in the fall of 2009. President Halvorson led the college out of infancy, building student enrollment, academic rigor, and donor support. Recognizing the need for a larger campus, President Halvorson led the college through a move from Ontario to Pasadena, partnering with William Carey International University on their historic campus.

In 2012, Dr. Halvorson accepted the call to lead Covenant College, a sister Reformed institution of higher education. During the tenure of the college's second president, significant progress was made toward initial accreditation. From 2012 to 2014, the college was led by an interim president, Dr. Dominic Aquila, who guided the college to achieve full initial accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).





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In April of 2014, Providence Christian College installed its third president, Dr. Jim Belcher. President Belcher deepened the college's academic connections to the classic liberal arts and developed the athletic programs of the college. The William Carey International University campus was sold necessitating another campus move. However, God again provided a campus.

At the end of 2018, Dr. Belcher led the college in the campus move to the heart of Old Town Pasadena, adjacent to Fuller Theological Seminary. This location has served the college well since 2019; the students, staff, and faculty have taken full advantage of beautiful and historic Pasadena. Dr. Belcher stepped down from the presidency in 2020 to use his gifts elsewhere in God's kingdom. During the interim, Dr. David Corbin, former Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Pete Hamstra, Vice President of Enrollment, along with a talented cabinet, have led the college during this transition as the Board of Trustees searches for the next president to lead the college.



Even before the inception of Providence Christian College, God's provision has been seen through the faithful prayers and financial resources from a growing constituency of supporters and donors. Through many unforeseen challenges and from multiple campuses, Providence has continued to provide an excellent, Reformed, Christian education since 2005. God has truly blessed the work of the college as staff, faculty, students, trustees, and supporters sought to respond obediently to God's call to establish and nurture an institution of higher education on the west coast that is Biblically grounded, confessionally Reformed, and culturally engaged.

One ongoing challenge for the college is a permanent campus location where the college can grow into maturity. Knowing this and trusting in God's provision, the Board of Trustees is committed to making significant strides towards a permanent campus location and searching for the right president to lead Providence Christian College in this exciting chapter of our history.



# DISTINCTIVES

*of a Providence Christian  
College Education*

## GROUNDING IN BIBLICAL TRUTH

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As a confessionally Reformed Christian college, we believe that God's Word is the source of true wisdom and understanding.

## EDUCATED IN THE CLASSICAL LIBERAL ARTS

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A Providence education is rooted in the classical liberal arts — an immersive study of God's common grace found in the richness of the Western intellectual tradition.

## PREPARED TO BE VIRTUOUS CITIZENS

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Providence embraces the aspirational ideals of Western Civilization: love of liberty and neighbor, public and private morality, human and societal flourishing.



*"There are almost two thousand private colleges and universities in North America and most of those were founded as Christian schools. Sadly, many have moved away from their Christian foundations. But Providence Christian College is not one of those schools. We are, and will remain, firmly grounded in God's word."*

**DR. DAVID E. ALEXANDER**

*Dean of Academics*

*In Christo Omnia Nova*



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# *The* A V O D A H *Program*

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One of the most distinct programs at Providence Christian College is the Avodah Program. The purpose of this program is to provide practical application to the theoretical classroom instruction. Through one-day excursions and longer immersion experiences, students learn kingdom service and cultural engagement through interacting with people, worldviews, languages, traditions, and artifacts.



Practically, this program is implemented in two phases: Avodah Excursions and Avodah Immersions. Avodah Excursions are day trips and field experiences in Southern California to learn from and engage with a diverse culture. These excursions are foundational life learning experiences and provide students with a taste of the beautifully diverse community in which we are placed. The second phase builds upon the local excursions in duration, location, and depth of learning. Junior and Senior students have the opportunity to participate in extended cross-cultural immersion experiences in a wide range of global locations.





# — RESURGAM —

## *Student Competitions*

Another distinct program at Providence is Resurgam. Every spring, the students are divided into four teams to participate in academic, artistic, and athletic student competitions. Students showcase their God-given talents through fine arts and photography, Providence olympics, short films, a debate tournament, and Providence *Jeopardy!*



The winner of Resurgam receives the coveted Witherspoon Cup. Additionally, throughout the academic year, Witherspoon Cup events are held which count towards the point total for each team heading into Resurgam. The entire college community looks forward to this fun competition, as students display their gifts and talents to the glory of God.





# COLLEGE PROFILE

ENROLLMENT / STUDENT PROFILE  
(2021 - 2022)

## Total Student Enrollment:

Full-Time Students — 98%  
Male — 61%  
Female — 39%  
Residential — 78%  
International — 2%  
Average GPA — 3.37 (High School)  
— 3.16 (Providence)  
Average SAT — 1065

## Graduation Rates:

Four Year Graduation Rate — 68%

## Tuition and Aid:

Tuition and Fees -- \$33,396  
Room -- \$7,388  
Board -- \$3,500  
  
Average Financial  
Aid Package -- \$21,357  
  
Average Debt at  
Graduation -- \$12,683

*The median debt level at graduation for all  
California four-year public and private  
universities is \$22,800.*

## Finances:

Annual Budget -- \$6.6 MM  
Annual Giving -- \$2.1 MM  
Net Revenue per Student -- \$12,802

## Faculty:

Student to Faculty Ratio — 10.1  
Full-Time Faculty — 10  
Faculty with Doctoral/Terminal Degrees — 40%  
Courses Taught by Full-Time Faculty — 84%

## Academics:

BA in Liberal Studies  
(Core and One Concentration)

## Concentrations:

- *Biblical and Theological Studies*
- *Business, Economics, and Entrepreneurship*
- *Education*
- *Health and Life Sciences*
- *Communication and Media Arts*
- *Philosophy, Politics, and History*
- *Psychology*



# *Providence Christian College* STUDENT LIFE

At Providence Christian College, the student life program partners with the academic side of the college to encourage student development in life. The college is committed to providing vibrant and active student life programs, including athletics, residential life, clubs, Student Senate, activities, chapel, Avodah, and Resurgam.



All students participate in some aspect of the Student Life program, demonstrating the college's commitment to learning outside of the classroom. Ultimately, these programs prepare students for their calling in life. This "calling preparation" is specifically designed to equip students to actively engage and flourish as an employee, spouse, parent, citizen, neighbor, and church member.



# Providence Christian College

## ALUMNI

Providence Christian College alumni are using their education to fulfill their callings in work, family, churches, and communities.



### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

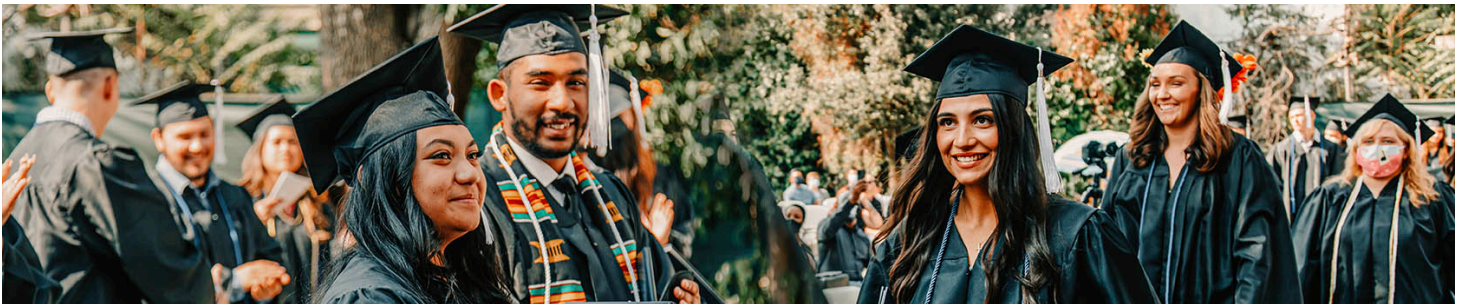
*“The more classes I took at Providence, the more I learned how much passion I had for helping students learn. I also realized how much I love to learn, and how I never want to stop learning. Providence has brought me greater understanding of God, myself, and my community.”*

JOLENE (YBEMA) WESTENDORP  
Class of 2016

### LOVE FOR THE REFORMED FAITH

*“Providence was theologically sound and offered me a place that was Christ-like in every way. No matter what subject I was taking, whether it was history, math, or English, I learned wisdom, discernment, and how to view my world through the lens of the gospel. Providence prepared me to be salt and light to the world.”*

JOSE “JOEY” VENEGAS  
Class of 2014



### EAGERNESS TO SERVE

*“As a doctor, I’m already using the critical thinking that I learned at Providence to aid me in my profession. Providence also helped me understand who I am in Christ—that I have an obligation not only to serve my Savior, but to also serve those in my community.”*

DR. CARYN VANDEN BERG  
Class of 2009

### URBAN ENGAGEMENT

*“There are a lot of Christians who want to stay isolated in the church and don’t serve the world around them. But I can’t divorce doctrine from practice. Providence has trained me to live out my theology.”*

KEES KILEDJIAN  
Class of 2021



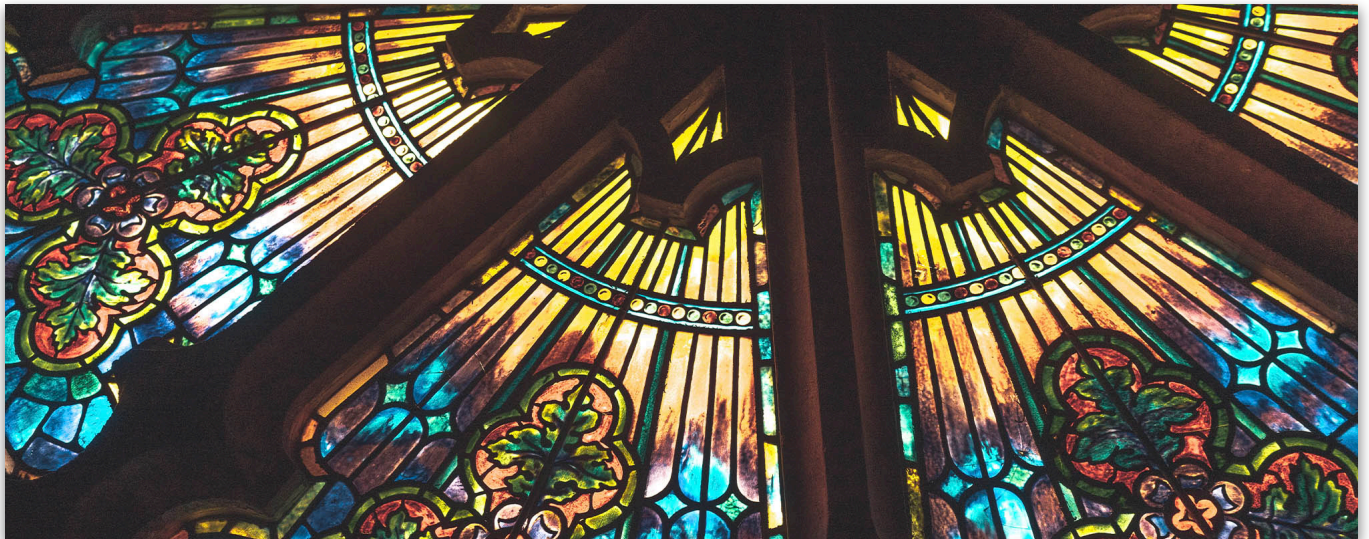
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# P R E S I D E N T I A L   P R O F I L E

The Board of Trustees desires a president dedicated to a biblical and Reformed world and life view, equipped to implement the college's mission and vision, and committed to the long-term success of Providence Christian College. In particular, the ideal candidate will be an experienced leader who is able to effectively communicate to a wide range of constituents, from prospective students to donors, and must have experience or a significant commitment to raising support for causes or organizations, preferably institutions of higher education. In light of this, the next president should expect and anticipate event participation, speaking engagements and significant travel in the pursuit of building the college's reputation and donor base.



Candidates should have educational experience, or be significantly familiar with the challenges facing institutions of Christian higher education. Prospective candidates must be committed to academic excellence and Christian scholarship, possessing a doctoral or other applicable advanced degree and contributing to the academic, business, or theological world through active and thoughtful research.



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## — CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES —

Providence Christian College is looking for a deeply missional and visionary leader: a leader who is both passionate about the college's mission, zealously preserving her purpose and existence, and ardent for the college to mature into a Reformed college of distinction on the West Coast. In our postmodern culture, threats to Christian higher education are a reality; Providence needs a president with the wisdom and experience to lead through these challenges. However, we serve a sovereign God who provides and sustains through difficulties; therefore, the opportunities at Providence greatly outweigh any challenges.

Situated in Southern California, a metropolis of diverse ethnic, cultural, religious, and intellectual expressions, Providence is uniquely placed to offer students security and adventure, instruction and application, intellectual formation and cultural engagement. What an opportunity to both learn in this vibrant environment and to share God's redemptive story with those in dire need of the Gospel message! Under the missional, innovative, and visionary leadership of our next president, Providence will flourish with its uncompromising commitment to a Reformed world and life view and engagement with culture.

While the Board of Trustees looks to the insight of the new president to inform the board of the most important opportunities and significant challenges, several immediate opportunities present themselves.



### **FINDING A PERMANENT CAMPUS LOCATION**

Providence Christian College needs a permanent campus in order to grow into maturity as an institution of higher education. The next president will lead the college in the transition to that new campus.

### **BUILDING SUPPORT FOR THE COLLEGE**

The deepening of donor relationships and the expansion into new networks of support will provide the financial stability needed to acquire and transition to a permanent campus and grow students, staff, and programs.

### **INCREASING STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Student enrollment, as at all tuition-dependent institutions, increases financial stability, allowing for program development and optimization. With the increase in student enrollment, additional faculty and staff can be hired to enhance and expand the college's academic and student life programs.

Providence Christian College offers a multitude of benefits to our next president. Serving at Providence means joining a uniquely tight-knit community of staff, students, and faculty who share a common love for the Lord and commitment to the college's mission. Leading this community of faithful, biblically-minded staff and scholars will be a blessed opportunity to impact the world for the glory of God.



# PROCESS

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The Board of Trustees, trusting fully in God's providence, has established a presidential search committee to identify the fourth president of Providence Christian College. The presidential search committee is composed of trustees, faculty, and administrators, and it is chaired by trustee Dr. Steve Kortenhoeven.



## SUBMISSION PROCESS

All inquiries, nominations, and applications should be directed to:  
[presidentsearch@providencecc.edu](mailto:presidentsearch@providencecc.edu)

If you are excited about this opportunity, we invite you to begin the process by submitting the following:

- I. A cover letter explaining why you believe that God is calling you to this position.
- II. A current resume or curriculum vitae.
- III. A completed staff and faculty application:  
[www.providencecc.edu/careers](http://www.providencecc.edu/careers)

All inquiries/applications will be handled confidentially; references will only be contacted after we have requested and received permission from the applicant.



*"I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."*

MARTIN LUTHER

*In Christo Omnia Nova*